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SUBJ: CURRENT UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING - YUGOSLAV  
VIEWS

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1. IN MEETING WITH FSFA IO OFFICE DIR JAZIC FEB 8 POLCOUNS  
AND EMBOFF MADE DETAILED PRESENTATION PER PARAS 2-6 OF REFTEL.  
WE ADDED THAT VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES HAD ON OCCASION  
BEEN AN AREA OF CONTENTION IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS,  
E.G. 1976 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA AND AT UNESCO  
IN NAIROBI, BUT THAT CURRENT GENERAL SESSION OFFERED  
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A MORE COOPERATIVE APPROACH, ONE CONSISTENT WITH  
BOTH  
GOVT'S OVERALL DESIRE TO TURN A NEW LEAF IN OUR  
RELATIONS. WE STRESSED THAT U.S. SEEKING REAL PROGRESS  
RATHER THAN RHETORICAL EXCHANGE AND HOPED THAT GOY AND OTHER  
GOVTS WOULD AVOID IDEOLOGICAL RIGIDITY IN ADDRESSING  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. WE APPEALED FOR SINGLE STANDARD TO BE  
APPLIED, NOTING THAT JUST AS YUGOSLAVIA DEMANDED THAT  
U.S. BE CRITICAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY RIGHTIST  
REGIMES LIKE CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA, SO WE EXPECTED YUGO-  
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SLAVIA AND OTHER NATIONS TO BE AS WILLING TO CRITICIZE  
VIOLATIONS BY LEFTIST REGIMES. WE OFFERED VIEW THAT CON-  
FRONTATION WOULD BE DECREASED TO EXTENT SINGLE STANDARD  
APPLIED.

2. IN RESPONDING JAZIC NOTED GOY WAS AWARE OF PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. HE OUTLINED GOY'S

OVERALL APPROACH TO THE ISSUE, COMMENTING POINTEDLY THAT YUGOSLAVS DO NOT DIVORCE POLITICAL FROM ECONOMIC RIGHTS, THAT "HUMAN RIGHTS" ENCOMPASSES BROADER CONCERNS SUCH AS SELF-DETERMINATION AND THAT IN APPROACHING THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THEIR VIOLATION, TACTICS ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE, ADDING "WE HOPE THE U.S. AND OTHERS WILL NOT TAKE LINE OF CONFRONTATION". IN THE SAME VIE JAZIC SAID HE HAD NOTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD "IN A WAY DISAPPROVED" OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL STATEMENT IN THE SAKHAROV CASE AND ADDED THAT IT IS OFTEN UNHELPFUL TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY IF ONE'S OBJECTIVE IS TO BETTER THE CONDITION OF THE PERSON INVOLVED. (WE INTERJECTED AT THIS POINT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER FULLY SUPPORTED THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT UPON OCCASION AS SECY VANCE HAD STATED AND AS WE HAD JUST DONE IN THE GINZBERG CASE). "YOUNG COUNTRIES", HE SAID, AND SMALLER COUNTRIES ARE OFTEN PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC CRITICISM BY A LARGER POWER, AND DOUBLY SO IF AN EFFORT HAS NOT BEEN MADE IN ADVANCE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN QUESTION IN PRIVATE. HE STRESSED THE DIFFICULTY OF DEFINING THE LINE BETWEEN INTERFERENCE IN ANOTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMON CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. JAZIC SAID GOY WELCOMES PROSPECT OF CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. TO THAT END HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CABLE THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION IN GENEVA, INFORMING THEM OF OUR DISCUSSION AND SUGGEST-  
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ING THAT THEY CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION. HE CONCURRED WITH US ON NEED TO AVOID POLEMICS AND NEED TO AVOID ENGAGING IN IDEOLOGICAL ONE-UPMANSHIP. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE AREAS INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS OVER WHICH THE U.S. AND YUGOSLAVIA SHARE A DEEP CONCERN, SUCH AS APARTHEID, AND SAW HOPE IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S APPOINTMENT FOR AVOIDANCE OF A CONFRONTATIONAL ATTITUDE ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS. HE UNDERScored GOY'S CONCERN THAT THE UN BE STRENGTHENED "THROUGH ALL THIS" AND SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION THE GOY ATTACHED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO ITS PARTICIPATION IN DECADE FOR

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ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND IN THE SUBCOMMISSION OF PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES. HE COMMENTED, INTERESTINGLY, THAT AS REGARDS THE GENEVA MEETING THE ONLY ISSUE WITH WHICH HE IS DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO ANY EXTENT IS CYPRUS. AS PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BOZOVIC MIGHT BE PLACED IN A DIFFICULT POSITION ( REGARDING GOY'S "PRINCIPLED" POLICY OF MAINTAINING GOOD AND "EQUAL" RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND TURKEY) WERE IT NECESSARY TO RENDER EVEN PROCEDURAL DECISION ON DISCUSSION OF SUPPRESSION OF MINORITY RIGHTS ON CYPRUS. HE STRESSED AT SEVERAL POINTS YUGOSLAVIA'S PRIDE OVER ITS OWN RECORD ON MINORITY RIGHTS AND CLAIMED YUGOSLAVIA WAS NEITHER DISINTERESTED NOR SILENT ON OTHER HUMAND RIGHTS ISSUES OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. IN LATTER REGARD HE POINTED TO YUGOSLAV MEDIA COVERAGE OFTHE "CHARTER 77" CONTROVERSELY (BELGRADE 414).

4. COMMENT: FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT RECALL, BOZVIC IS THE OFFICIAL WHO LED GOY'S DELEGATION TO THE RECENT GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO AT NAIROBI AND WHOSE ALMOST CONSISTENTLY UNHELPFUL ACTIONS IN THAT ASSEMBLY THE U.S. DELEGATION ROUNDLY AND JUSTIABLY CRITICIZED (NAIROBI CONFIDENTIAL

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12621 AND 13241, 1976). WHILE WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT AT LEAST THE ATMOSPHERE OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE GOY ON THE HARD HUMAND RIGHTS ISSUES, WHERE IDEOLOGY OR POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY ARE FOR THE GOY COMPELLING, WE ENERGETIC AND SKILLFUL OPPOSITION. NEVERTHELESS, WE CAN EXPECT LITTLE HELP FROM THE YUGOSLAVS AND FREQUENTLY

RECOMMEND A MAJOR EFFORT TO CONSULT AND CULTATE THEM,  
IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT THEY ARE SO KNOWLEDGE-  
ABLE, ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL IN THIS AS IN OTHER UN  
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